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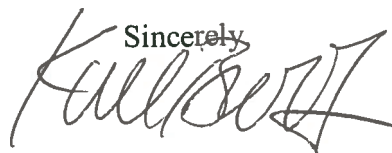
Dear Mr. Black:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan for Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri. Our review is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act 42 U.S.C. 4231, Council on Environmental Quality regulations 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The FEIS was assigned the CEQ number 20140351.

The EPA rated the Draft EIS/GMP LO (Lack of Objections). We suggested that the FEIS include some specific examples of practices and procedures that may be used in land management and mitigation efforts. The EPA thanks you for addressing the observations and recommendations expressed in our DEIS comment letter.

We wish to again commend your continued coordination efforts with various other agencies and entities throughout the development of the project and we encourage ongoing coordination as management planning and implementation activities commence.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding this project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amber Tucker at 913-551-7565 or via email at tucker.amber@epa.gov.

Sincerely,


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